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PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES: BOARD OF CLINICAL SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS

Subcommittee Meeting

MEETING DATE AND TIME: Monday, November 17, 2008 at 10:00 a.m.

PLACE: 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware

Conference Room A, second floor of the Cannon Building

MINUTES APPROVED 1/05/2009

MEMBERS PRESENT

Diane Postell, Professional Member, **Secretary**, Presiding Fran Franklin, Professional Member Louise Allen Frazier, Public Member

DIVISION STAFF/DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL PRESENT

Eileen Kelly, Deputy Attorney General Shauna Slaughter, Administrative Specialist II

ALSO PRESENT

Gail Levinson, Clinical Social Work Society of Delaware Julie Jenks Zorach, Clinical Social Work Society of Delaware

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Postell called the meeting to order at 10:12 a.m.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

The Subcommittee reviewed the October 20, 2008 minutes for approval. Ms. Postell made a motion, seconded by Dr. Franklin, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion unanimously carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion Regarding Revisions to the Rules and Regulations, and Statute

The Subcommittee reviewed section 3903 of the statute, which will need to be updated to cover multi-level licensure. The Subcommittee proposed revisions to the language.

The Subcommittee reviewed information provided by Ms. Kelly regarding exemptions. They believed that the exemptions needed are clergy, federal and state employees, and other licensed professionals. Ms Kelly will draft the exemptions section for the statute and present it to the Subcommittee at the January meeting.

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The Subcommittee reviewed proposed language for section 3907 of the statute. The Subcommittee discussed the possibility of requiring specific coursework for licensees who wish to be supervisors.

Ms. Postell addressed the topic of records retention and whether the Board needs to have something in the statute. Additional research will need to be done to determine if there is a need to add record keeping requirements to the statute or regulations.

OTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE SUBCOMMITTEE (FOR DISCUSSION ONLY)

There was no other business before the Subcommittee.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Levinson advised the Subcommittee that Delaware is one of only five states that still have a title act instead of a practice act. She suggests that the Board work on adding language to regulate independent practice and getting legislation passed to have the title act changed to a practice act, then working on multi-level licensure. She advised the Subcommittee that the only exemption she feels would be necessary is for State of Delaware agency employees.

Ms. Levinson also shared information from a study done by Laura Grisham about what other states are requiring persons who supervise others.

Ms. Zorach also stated that the Board needs to focus on adding language to regulate independent practice. She also feels that the only exemption needed is for state employees. Ms. Zorach questioned the need for multi-level licensure.

Ms. Zorach suggested that the Board add language to the rules and regulations to state that licensees must comply with HIPPA standards regarding records retention.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on January 5, 2009, directly after the regularly scheduled board meeting, in Conference Room B.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Postell made a motion, seconded by Dr. Franklin, to adjourn the meeting. Motion unanimously carried. There being no further business before the Subcommittee, the meeting adjourned at 11:26 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shauna Slaughter, Administrative Specialist II

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